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Sir:

Request is hereby made for Status of the above-referenced application. The application was filed March 19, 2002. To date, we have not received an Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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